

**CHART ONE: SEVERITY CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN DISEASE CATEGORIES FOR CLAIMS INVOLVING CURRENT IMPAIRMENT**  
**LOWER RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

| DISEASE                                      | FOUR   | THREE  | TWO  | ONE  | ZERO   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Chronic bronchitis/COPD<br/>Emphysema</b> | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 4: "objective tests" row only | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 3: "objective tests" row only | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 2: "objective tests" row only | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 1: "objective tests" row only | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Pulmonary Dysfunction (Table 5-4), Class 0: "objective tests" row only |

| DISEASE                          | FOUR  | THREE   | TWO   | ONE   | ZERO  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Interstitial Lung Disease</b> | Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:<br>TLC < 50%;<br>FEV1/FVC > 70%; and<br>FVC < 50% | Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:<br>TLC 50–59%;<br>FEV1/FVC > 70%; and<br>FVC 50–59% | Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:<br>TLC 60–69%;<br>FEV1/FVC > 70%; and<br>FVC 60–69% | Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:<br>TLC 70–79%;<br>FEV1/FVC > 70%; and<br>FVC 70–79% | Pulmonary Function Testing demonstrating:<br>TLC > 80%;<br>FEV1/FVC > 70%; and<br>FVC > 80% |

| DISEASE  | FOUR  | THREE   | TWO  | ONE  | ZERO   |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Asthma<br/>Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome (RADS)</b> | Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class V (not controlled despite maximal treatment) <b>or</b> AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 4 | Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class IV (score of 10 or 11) <b>or</b> AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 3 | Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class III (score of 7 to 9) <b>or</b> AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 2 | Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class I or II (score of 1 to 6) <b>or</b> AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 1 | Satisfies American Thoracic Society Criteria for Impairment Rating in a Patient with Asthma, Class 0 (score of zero) <b>or</b> AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Asthma (Table 5-5), Class 0 |

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UPPER RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

| DISEASE                          | FOUR  | THREE   | TWO   | ONE   | ZERO  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Laryngitis or Pharyngitis</b> | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Voice and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8), Class 4 | Satisfies AMA Criteria Due to Voice and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8), Class 3 | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Voice and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8), Class 2 | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Voice and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8), Class 1 | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Voice and Speech Impairment (Table 11-8), Class 0 |

| DISEASE                       | FOUR   | THREE  | TWO  | ONE  | ZERO   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Chronic Rhinosinusitis</b> | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 4: “diagnostic or other objective findings” row only. | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 3: “diagnostic or other objective findings” row only. | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 2: “diagnostic or other objective findings” row only. | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 1: “diagnostic or other objective findings” row only. | Satisfies AMA Criteria for Rating Impairment Due to Air Passage Deficits (Table 11-6), Class 0: “diagnostic or other objective findings” row only. |

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***UPPER DIGESTIVE TRACT DISEASES***

| DISEASE   | TWO  | ONE   | ZERO                    |
|---|--|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Gastroesophageal reflux disease</b><br><br><b>Barrett's Esophagus</b><br><br><b>Gastritis</b><br><br><b>Esophagitis and GI stricture</b> | Endoscopy reveals severe findings such as Barrett's Esophagus, benign peptic esophageal stricture, ulcers, hemorrhage, or severe esophagitis | Endoscopy reveals mild/moderate findings such as inflammation, esophagitis, erosions, mucosal breaks. | Daily medication taken. |